

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

D O C K E T

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the February 23, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES**

PUBLIC HEARING:
4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add 2-hour parking 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday to the eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax Street.
5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post two-hour parking restrictions in front of:
 1. 1130 North Fairfax Street, three parking spaces
 2. 200 Third Street, two parking spaces.
6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post three-hour, Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Residential District 4 parking restrictions on the south side of the 1200 block of Franklin Street.
7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of the removal of 7 A.M. - 9 A.M. parking restrictions on the north side of the 900 block of Franklin Street

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M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Elizabeth Jones, Kevin Beekman, Randy Cole and Melissa McMahon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, Hillary Poole, Planner III and Cuong Nguyen, Intern II.

8. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: Docket item #4 was deferred.
9. Approval of the January 26, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion seconded by Ms. McMahon to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**
Staff reported that they were planning on removing the signs allowing parking on the 3000 block of King Street in front of First Baptist Church on Sundays. This was part of a 1999 site plan approval for First Baptist Church.

PUBLIC HEARING:

11. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post NO PARKING 7:00 PM TO 7:00 AM restrictions on the 800 and 900 blocks of South Payne Street on both sides of the street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: There was no public testimony on this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that the problem was too many trailers, trucks and unoccupied cars parked along this section of Payne Street. This created problems for trucks coming in and out of the water treatment facility.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the time restricted parking for this section of Payne Street. The motion carried unanimously.

- 12. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking spaces to install crosswalks at the following locations:
- North Armistead Street where one parking space will be removed to allow the installation of ADA compliant curb ramps
 - The intersection of Potomac Greens Drive and Catts Tavern Drive where one parking space will be removed to allow for installation of ADA compliant curb ramps.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: There was no public testimony on this item.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Poole presented this item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to remove one parking space at each location to install ADA compliant curb ramps. The motion carried unanimously.

- 13. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to replace two-hour parking, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday with 20 minute parking during the same days and hours in front of 804 North Henry Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: There was no public testimony on this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board. Two-hour parking restrictions are currently posted on the 800 block of North Henry Street. The Sugar Shack and adjacent business owners requested to change the time restriction to 20-minute parking for the convenience of their customers.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to provide three, 20 minute parking spaces and to try and accommodate these spaces by using the NO PARKING area between the corner and the existing spaces to the largest extent possible. The motion carried unanimously.

- 14. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post ALL-WAY STOP controls at the intersection of Cameron Mills Road and Monticello Boulevard

This item was deferred

- 15. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to relocate parking from the north side of Monroe Avenue to the south side between Mount Vernon Avenue and Leslie Avenue and to add parking spaces on the south side of Monroe Avenue west of Commonwealth Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Jerry King, Paul Linehan, Andreas Groehn and Greg Curtis spoke in favor of the request. David Isby spoke in opposition to the request because he believed that the proposal would reduce sight distance exiting the YMCA parking lot.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Poole presented this item to the Board and indicated that the plan was developed collaboratively with the Del Ray Civic Association.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

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DOCKET ITEM: **4**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to add 2-hour parking 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.,
Monday through Friday to the eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax
Street.

APPLICANT: Joanne Shnayer, Senior Property Manager

LOCATION: Block of 1100 North Fairfax Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to post 2-hour parking 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday to the eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax Street.

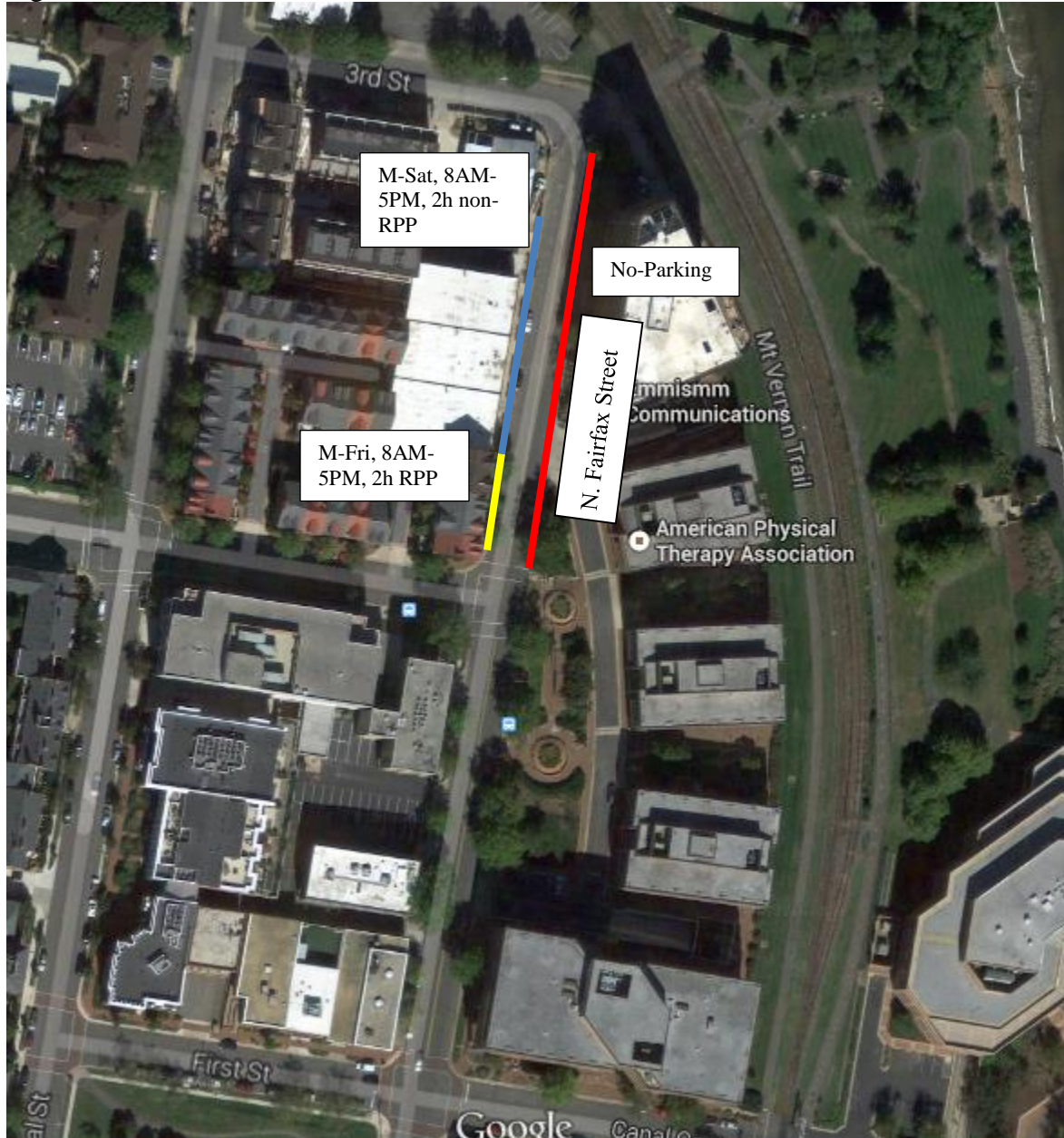
DISCUSSION:

Parking is not allowed on the eastern block-face of the 1100 N Fairfax block. The building Property Manager for 1199 N Fairfax Street contacted City staff and requested that parking be added to the 1100 N Fairfax block to accommodate the clients and customers. Similar parking restrictions exist on the western block-face of the 1100 block of North Fairfax Street and should be placed on the eastern block-face so that there will be turnover and consistency. This section of North Fairfax Street is 40 feet wide which is wide enough to support parking lanes on both sides of the street (See figure 1).

The current parking restrictions are:

- 1100 - 1108 N Fairfax Street (Western Block-face) Monday-Friday, 8 AM-5PM, 2-hour District 9 Residential Permit Parking.
- 1112 - 1198 N Fairfax Street (Western Block-face) Monday-Saturday, 8AM-5PM, 2-hour.

Figure 1



From: Joanne Shnayer [mailto:JShnayer@akridge.com]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 2:27 PM
To: Daniel Solomon
Subject: parking on North Fairfax Street in Alexandria Va.

Hello Daniel,

It was a pleasure speaking with you last Friday. Following up on our conversation this email will confirm that the Owners of the building located at 1199 North Fairfax Street have requested and the City has agreed to make two hour parking all along N Fairfax Street on both sides wherever we can. We already have on the other side of the street and would like on the other side as well.

Please let me know if you need anything else from us and also about how long you think it will be before the parking signs actually go up. Thank you so much for your assistance with this my tenants will be very happy to hear that their Clients will have more parking options when visiting the building.

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DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to post two-hour parking restrictions in front of:
1. 1130 North Fairfax Street, three parking spaces
2. 200 Third Street, two parking spaces

APPLICANT: Jim Dillon, President, Studio Snaidero DC Metro

LOCATION: 1130 North Fairfax Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to post 2-hour parking 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday to:

1. The eastern block-face of 1100 North Fairfax Street.
2. The southern block-face of the 200 block of Third Street.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Dillon is opening a cabinetry design studio, Studio Snaidero DC Metro, at 1130 North Fairfax Street in May 2015. The location of the studio will be at the corner of North Fairfax Street and Third Street and they are requesting 2 hour parking in front of it (refer to Figures 1 & 2). Currently, the parking on both block faces is monopolized by commuters and others for the duration of the business day. The goal of this request is to create parking turn over for short term parkers visiting Mr. Dillon's business as well as other businesses in the surrounding area. The City's parking policy is to accommodate short term parking on the street and that longer term parking should be accommodated off street.

Figure 1



Figure 2





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www.snaiderodcmetro.com

Jim Dillon
President
703.683.1130
Jim@snaiderodcmetro.com

February 4th 2015

Traffic and Parking Board,

My wife and I are opening a cabinetry and design studio, Studio Snaidero DC Metro, at 1130 North Fairfax Street in May 2015. Our showroom will be open six days a week during normal business hours, 10AM – 6PM.

Our request to the Traffic and Parking Board is for the addition of two or three hour parking signs in front of our showroom at the corner of North Fairfax Street and Third Street, to allow for roughly (6) timed parking spots. There is precedence for timed parking just south along North Fairfax Street and also on North Royal Street.

Currently, employees of the neighboring office buildings park from 8 - 5PM daily. If this continues after we open our showroom the packed streets of daily office workers, pictures attached, *could severely impact our foot traffic and deter clientele because of the lack of street parking.*

We feel that the addition of our new showroom will help with the growth of the north Old Town neighborhood and bring additional commerce to the area.

Additionally, as a Third Street resident I am confident the addition of timed parking would be welcome by the neighborhood. We are unable to park in front of our own residences as a result of daily parkers.

As the pictures show the daily parkers do not obey the proper parking rules, by parking in no parking zones or past Stop signs. This is a severe safety concern for any traffic coming and going in the area. I have witnessed first-hand near miss accidents and hit and run incidents because of the overcrowded parking situation.

I ask that you review our parking dilemma and add additional parking signs in front of our showroom.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Jim Dillon

President – Studio Snaidero DC Metro
jim@snaiderodcmetro.com
202.281.2986

Third Street view of daily parkers



Overcrowding Stop Sign



Third Street parkers - North showroom windows



N. Fairfax Street parkers - East facing windows



Parking in No Parking Zone directly across from showroom



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DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Request to post three-hour, Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., residential District 4 parking restrictions on the south side of the 1200 block of Franklin Street.

APPLICANT: Adam Pivetta

LOCATION: 1200 Franklin Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic and Parking Board recommend to the City Manager posting three-hour, Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Residential District 4 parking restrictions on the south side of the 1200 block of Franklin Street.

DISCUSSION:

The 1200 block is one of the few blocks in the surrounding neighborhood that does not have residential parking restrictions posted. This forces all of the longer term parkers onto the 1200 block of Franklin Street. This used to not be such a problem until the Patent and Trade Office (PTO) opened in the Carlyle area. Many employees from the PTO are parking all day in this block and walking through the cemetery to their office in Carlyle. This is making conditions difficult for residents to access parking near their homes. If approved, parking restrictions would only be posted during the business day.

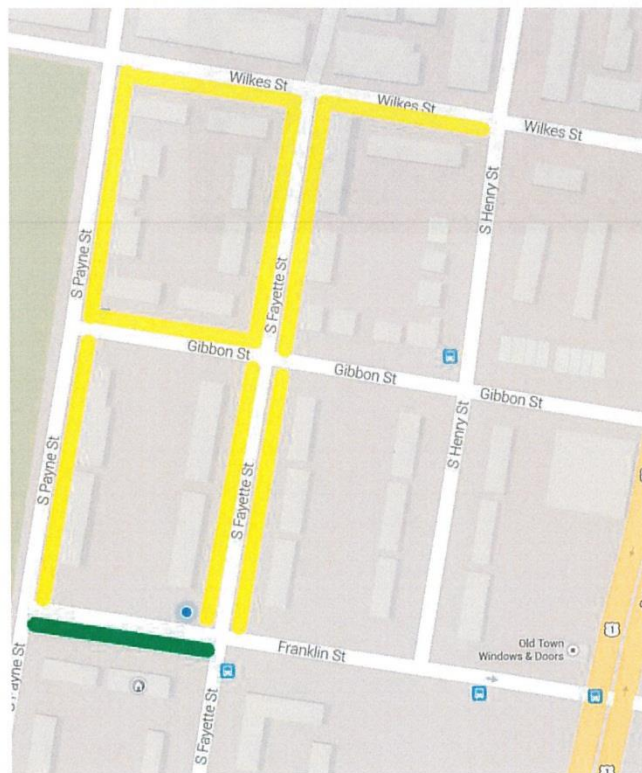
Staff performed a survey of this street on March 10, 2015 and found that the 1200 block of Franklin Street meets the requirements in Section 5-8-77 of the City Code. This section of the code requires that at least 75 percent of the parking spaces be occupied and that of the vehicles parked at least 25 percent must be from outside the area.

From: Adam Pivetta [mailto:adampivetta@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 1:39 PM
To: Bob Garbacz
Subject: Re: Residential Permit Parking Petition

Hi Bob,

I spoke with you a few months ago about possible District 4 parking on Franklin Street. If you recall, I spoke with you about how we have a number of commuters that park on our street and walk across the cemeteries to the Patent Office and other buildings in the Carlyle complex. Within the last few years most of the streets in the vicinity have become District 4 parking which has pushed more and more cars on to our street. The result of all of this has been a frustrating lack of parking.

As you can see in the following imagine Franklin Street (marked in green) is one of the only streets in the neighborhood that is open parking (District 4 parking is marked in yellow). On weekdays, as soon as the west side of South Payne Street (open parking) fills up the only available parking is on Franklin Street.



The following two pictures were taken at the same time on the corner of South Payne Street and Franklin Street. The photos perfectly illustrate the frustration that myself and my neighbors experience on a weekly basis. The first photo shows that the open parking side of Payne Street is consistently full as the District 4 side has plenty of parking for residences. The second photo is of Franklin Street, on the same day and time, which is completely full on both sides of the street.



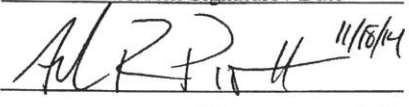

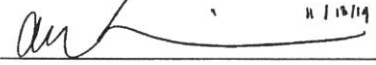
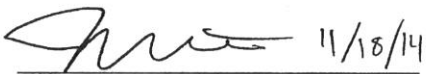
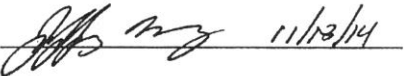

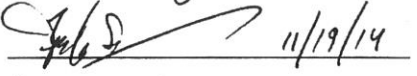
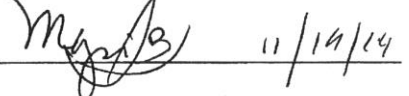
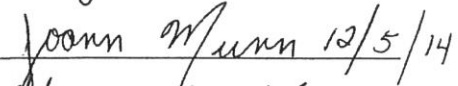




I have spoken with my neighbors and a majority of them (seven out of 11) support the Residential District Permit Parking and have signed the petition (attached to this email). Two of the four houses that did not sign were unavailable. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help with the zoning of Franklin Street and, if at all possible, please keep me updated of any progress made concerning this matter.

Thank you for your help and I look forward to hearing from you.

Residential District Permit Parking Petition

We the undersigned residents hereby request that the City post three-hour, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., residential district 4 parking restrictions on the south side of the 1200 block of Franklin Street. We understand that we will need to pay for a permit to park and that we will need to obtain visitor and guest permits.

<u>Resident Signature / Date</u>	<u>Resident Address</u>
 11/15/14	1208 Franklin St
 11/14/2014	1214 FRANKLIN ST
 11/15/14	1214 FRANKLIN ST
 11/18/14	1202 FRANKLIN ST
 11/13/14	1222 Franklin St.
 11/12/14	1222 Franklin St
 11/19/14	1220 FRANKLIN ST
 11/14/14	1220 Franklin St.
 12/5/14	1206 FRANKLIN Street
 11/14/14	1216 Franklin St
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DOCKET ITEM: **7**

ISSUE: The removal of 7 AM - 9AM parking restrictions on the north side of the 900 block of Franklin Street

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria, Transportation and Environmental Services

LOCATION: Franklin Street between South Alfred Street and Route 1 (Figure 1)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommends to the Director of T&ES to remove the No Parking from 7AM-9AM parking restrictions on the north side of the 900 block of Franklin Street and remove ten feet of parking on Franklin and Alfred to accommodate a curb extension.

DISCUSSION:

City staff received a request from a resident to examine possible solutions to safety concerns due to the high speeds of northbound traffic turning left onto South Alfred Street from Franklin Street (Attachment 1). The resident noted that pedestrians also feel unsafe crossing in the uncontrolled crosswalk from the northwest corner of the South Alfred Street and Franklin Street intersection due to the speed of vehicles along Franklin Street.

City staff met with the resident on 9/15/2014 and observed that motorists indeed take this turn at high speeds, often crossing the double yellow line and veering into the southbound lane of South Alfred Street as they make this turn.

Staff conducted a speed and volume study on the 900 block of Franklin Street. The results of these studies indicated AM peak hour volumes of approximately 1,250 vehicles per hour and 85 percentile speeds of near 30 miles per hour, with 35% of AM peak hour speeds exceeding the speed limit. A traffic analysis showed that three eastbound travel lanes are not necessary to provide capacity for the AM peak hour traffic.

To reduce the speed of the turning vehicles and better align the turn through the intersection, staff proposes to install a curb extension on the northwest corner of this intersection. The extension would also provide a shorter, safer pedestrian crossing. Crossing distances could be shortened by as much as eight feet and would provide better visibility of pedestrians waiting to cross. With this installation, the existing 7AM-9AM parking restrictions on the north side of this block would no longer be necessary. The curb extension would also require the removal of approximately 10' of parking at the corner of both Franklin and Alfred Street (Figure 2).

Staff notified the Homeowners Association of the proposed plan, and they were in support of these changes.

Figure 1: Proposed area for removal of parking restrictions

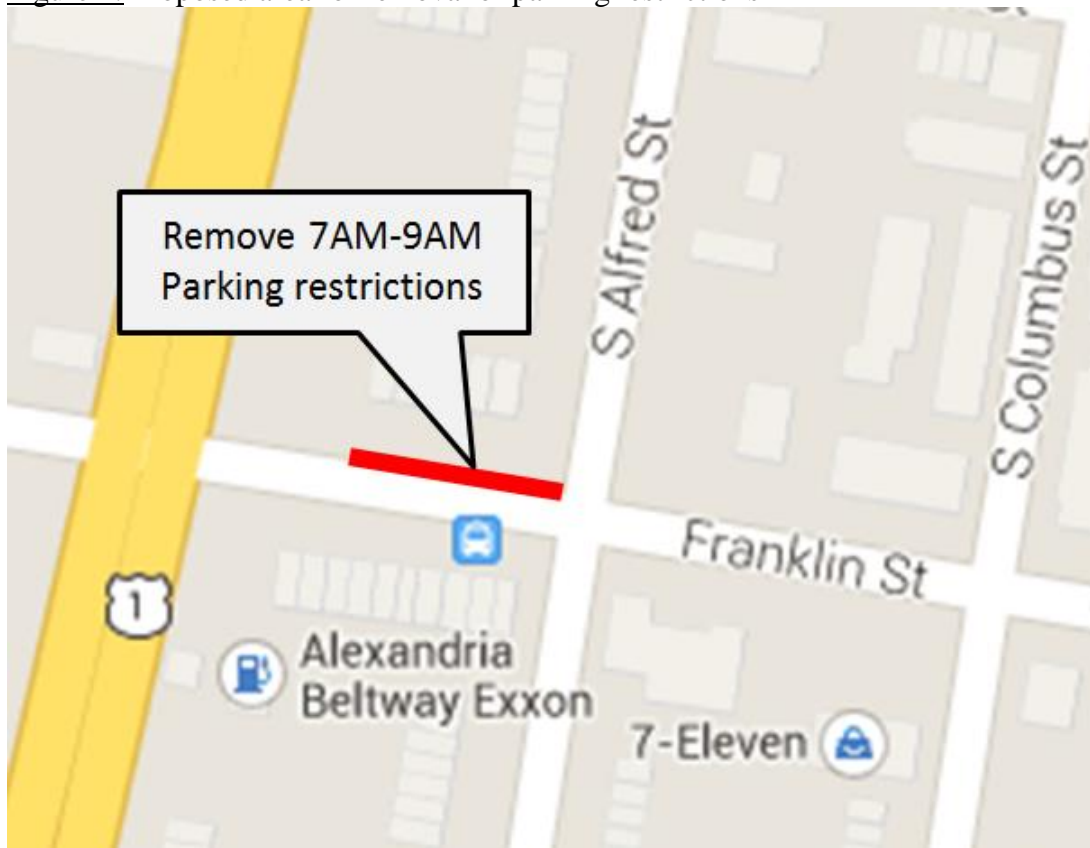


Figure 2: Proposed Curb Extensions

